

Program Description/Textbook or Print Instructional Material

Vendor: Thomson Learning/Course Technology Web Address: www.course.com

Title: A Guide to Computer User Support for Help Desk and Support Specialists

Author: Beisse Copyright: 2001

ISBN: 0-619-03363-0 Course/Content Area: Vocational and Career Education; Information Technology Program; Help Desk

Intended Grade or Level: 9-12 Readability Level: 9.8 (Flesch-Kincaid)

List Price: 41.95 Lowest Wholesale Price: 31.00

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Level of Accommodations (Level One, Two or Three) Level Three

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FEATURES

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Content

- Updated to reflect the latest technologies and trends, as well as the prevalence of the Internet in the support industry.
- New "Internet Tips" reference useful Web site for additional information.
- Provides extensive and updated end-of-chapter exercises and case studies that feature a real-world company and how it handles the topic discussed in that chapter.
- Stresses troubleshooting throughout the book.

Student Experiences

- New real-world examples and scenarios show readers what they can expect to encounter on the job.

Assessment

This book provides an overview of the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary for employment in the user support industry. Developed with the input of industry advisors, this title emphasizes problem-solving and communication skills in addition to technical coverage. Using creative Hands-On exercises and Case Projects, users apply their knowledge and develop their ideas and skills, both individually and in teams, to help prepare them for today's team-oriented work environment.

Organization

1. Introduction to End User Computing

2. Introduction to Computer User Support
3. Customer Service Skills for User Support
4. Troubleshooting Computer Problems
5. Common Support Problems
6. Help Desk Operation
7. User Support Management
8. Product Evaluation Strategies and Standards
9. User Needs Analysis and Assessment
10. Installing End User Computer Systems
11. Training Computer Users
12. Writing for End Users
13. Computer Facilities Management

Resource Materials

Gratis Items To Be Provided And Under What Conditions

Instructor's Resource Kit (0-619-03364-9) Free 1 per teacher

Available Ancillary Materials

RESEARCH DATA AND EVIDENCE OF EFFECTIVENESS

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Group V - Career/Technical Vocational/Practical Living Education Instructional Materials Evaluation Tool IT Help Desk



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Publisher: Thomson Learning/Course Technology			
Item Evaluated: Textbook			
Copyright Date: 2001		Evaluator: Scott Horan/David Davis	
Content Level: 9-12		Date of Evaluation: 7/29/2003	
Level of Alternative Format	Level 1 – Full Compliance	Level 2 – Provisional Compliance	Level 3 – Marginal Compliance
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Overall Strengths and/or Weaknesses

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Recommendations:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Recommended by reviewers to State Textbook Commission
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not recommended by reviewers to State Textbook Commission

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Title: A Guide to Computer User Support for Help Desk & Support Specialists		Publisher: Thomson Learning/Course Technology
Technology Management Summary Data:	20 possible points	<u>15</u> points earned
Technology Management Comments:		
Technology Presentation/Interface Summary Data:	40 possible points	<u>33</u> points earned
Technology Presentation/Interface Comments:		
Content Summary Data:	44 possible points	<u>48</u> points earned
Content Comments:		
Instruction & Management Summary Data	52 possible points	<u>49</u> points earned
Instruction & Management Comments:		
Organization & Structure Summary Data	36 possible points	<u>32</u> points earned
Organization & Structure Comments:		
Resource Material Summary Data	40 possible points	<u>23</u> points earned
Resource Material Comments:		



Group V - Career /Technical & Vocational/Practical Living

Electronic Instructional Media Review Form A Guide to Computer User Support for Help Desk & Support Specialists—ThomsonCT

Stand Alone/Independent or Integrated Software for IT Help Desk



Equipment (circle or change fill color)	Grade Level (circle or change fill color)	Audience (circle or change fill color)	Format (circle or change fill color)	Cost : Included with text	
Windows	Primary	Individual	Stand Alone/Independent	_____single copy	_____site license
Macintosh	Intermediate	Small Group	Integrated	_____network version	_____school version
CD-ROM	Middle	Large Group	Supplemental	_____lab pack of ____ copies	_____online
DVD	High		In lieu of basal text		
Sound					
Other					

If other, explain _____

Type of Software: Check all that apply	_____Simulation	_____Management	_____Interdisciplinary	_____Problem Solving	_____Tutorial
_____Exploratory	_____Creativity	_____Drill and Practice	_____Critical Thinking	_____Utility	Tests—Other

Rating Scale:	3—Some of the time	1—None of the time
4—All or the time	2—Minimally	0— Not applicable

Management	Rating
Allows customizing for individual learning needs.	4
Allows students to exit and resume at a later time.	3
Keeps a students performance record, where needed.	4
Allows control of various aspects of the software (e.g., turning sound off).	0
Allows for printed reports.	4
Comments:	Total 15

Presentation/Interface	Rating
Presents material in an organized manner.	4
Has consistent, easy-to-use, on-screen instructions.	4
Has developmentally correct presentation format.	4
Adapts to different learning environments (learning styles/multiple intelligences, etc.)	4
Accessible for special needs students.	3
Runs smoothly, without long delays.	4
Presents easy-to-view text and graphics.	3
Presents easy-to-hear and understand sounds.	0
Avoids unnecessary screens, sounds, and graphics.	4
Provides immediate, appropriate feedback.	3
Comments: Power Point Presentations has limited graphics.	Total 33

Content—IT Help Desk	Rating
Career Focus/Employability Skills/Workplace Readiness Skills (include career portfolio)	4
Demonstrate appropriate telephone etiquette	4
Developing, implementing and updating technical manual of common repairs	4
Knowledge of site-licensing for software and updating of device drivers	4
Train teachers and students to use technology (use client satisfaction model)	4
Install and configure new hardware/software and upgrades	4
Knowledge/skills for setting up, monitoring, and maintaining a computer network	4
Train technicians	4
Operating Technology Help Desk	4
Diagnosing and repairing technological devices and solve networking problems	4
Skills for communication of technical repair procedures to other students and superiors	4
Analyzing trends such as repeated problems with the same computer or user	4
Comments:	Total 48

Rating Scale:	2—Minimally
4—All or the time	1—None of the time
3—Some of the time	0— Not applicable

Instruction and Assessment	Rating
Identifies a Sense of Purpose	4
Builds on Student Ideas	4
Engages Students	4
Develops Computer Maintenance Ideas	4
Promotes Student Thinking	4
Assesses Student Progress	3
Enhances The Learning Environment	3
Reading level is appropriate for interest and ability level of intended student group; level remains consistent throughout.	4
Commonwealth Accountability Testing System (CATS) "like" Assessment is provided	4
Variety of Assessments (diagnostic, formative, summative, open response, multiple choice, individual, small group, oral, demonstrations, presentations, self and peer performance, portfolio prompts) is included.	4
Includes activities and opportunities for integration of technology.	3
Reflects researched-based practices (e.g. hands-on activities, technology, problem-solving situations)	4
Differentiation techniques and activities suggested.	4
Comments:	Total 49

Rating Scale:	3 – Some potential for learning	1 - Not present
4 – High potential for learning	2 – Little potential for learning	0 – Not applicable

Organization and Structure	Rating
Organization is logical and allows for spiraling of content.	4
Vocabulary and key terms are clearly defined and easily accessible within each lesson.	4
Visual illustrations (e.g. graphs, charts, models) and examples are clearly presented and content-related.	4
Illustrations and language reflect diversity (e.g. racial, ethnic, cultural, age, gender, disabilities).	1
Legible type, length of lines, spacing, and page layout and width of margins contribute to overall appearance and use.	4
Student materials seem durable and conducive to daily use.	3
Includes sufficient glossary, index and appendices.	4
Employs accurate grammar and spelling	4
Organization of material can be effectively used with Standards Based Units, Core Content and Program of Studies.	4
Comments: This is a paperback book.	Total 32

Resource Materials	Rating
Teacher materials coordinate easily with student materials (e.g. additional resources included at point of need, student pages shown, integration of technology indicated)	4
Activities are included that adapt to the various learning styles, intelligences, and interest/ability levels.	4
Extension activities including adaptations and accommodations for students with special needs.	3
Resources provide objectives, background information, common student errors, hints, advice for lesson implementation and real-world connections, connections with career and/technology and references (e.g. solution manuals, study guides)	4
Suggestions are made for integration of themes and /or interdisciplinary instruction.	4
Integration opportunities suggested and examples given.	4
Teacher resources are available online.	0
Online resources available – Repeat of information in text.	0
Online resources available – Practice skills only.	0
Online resources available – New application materials.	0
Comments: Teacher resources are available on CD. No information is available about online resources.	Total 23

Rating Scale:	2—Minimally
4—All or the time	1—None of the time
3—Some of the time	0— Not applicable